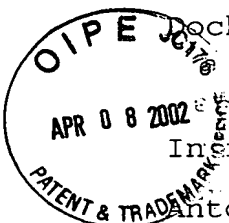


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LETTER

Sir:

Attached hereto is declaration which claims small  
entity status.

The applicant was entitled to small entity status as  
of the filing date of October 15, 2001 and for this reason it  
is requested that a refund of one-half of the filing fee be  
sent to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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